in both cases, which are contrary to the facts, were given in the answer to the reply to the said question; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The answer given to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3073 dated 19-12-1991 was to be read in the context of the question asked and to that extent it is factually correct.

Economic viability of HFC and FCI

1965. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have ruled out the possibility of the Hindustan Fertiliser Corporation (HFC) and Fertiliser Corporation of India (FCI) chronically sick public sector undertakings becoming economically viable even if substantial investment is made in these Units;

(b) the particulars of the various fertiliser factories under these two undertakings and the capital invested in them and the number of employees working therein; and

(c) what is Governments final thinking about the future of these Undertakings declared beyond recovery in the context of its present policy of privatisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The details of capital investment and number of employees working in various operating units of FCI and HFC are as follows:—

Unit	Capital Investment	No. of employees)
	(Rs. crores)	
1. *FCI :*		
(a) Sindri . .	318.12	3,991
(b) Gorakhpur .	68.08	1,976
(c) Ramagundam .	211.68	1,336
(d) Talcher .	227.85	1,431
2. *HFC :*		
(a) Barauni . .	182.23	1,711
(b) Durgapur .	152.61	1,828
(c) Namrup I, II & III . . .	385.25	3,012

(Note: Capital investment represents equity and plan loan as on 31-3-1991)

(c) The cases of both HFC and FCI have been referred to BIFR by the respective Board of Directors of these companies and a final decision on future of these undertakings will depend upon the consideration of the matter by BIFR, deliberation of Tripartite Committee on Chemical Industry and on the technical feasibility and economic viability of these units, as also the availability of funds through budgetary sources.

Modernisation of Chemicals and Fertiliser Plants

1966. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Chemicals and Fertiliser Plants where work of modernisation was started during the 7th plan and how much work has been completed and how much is remaining;

(b) what are the names of the companies which have been working for the modernisation together with the details of the cost;